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SUBJ: SUMMARY TORRINGTON REQUISITION ORDER

REF: GENOA 0557

1. TORRINGTON LIQUIDATOR GAVE CONGEN COPY OF GENOA MAYOR S NOV. 6 ORDER REQUISITIONING TORRINGTON PLANT (TEXT POUCHED). IN THE ORDER, MAYOR CEROFOLINI JUSTIFIED HIS ACTION BY INTERPRETING AS A VIOLATION OF THE ITALIAN CONSTITUTION THE DECISION BY TORRINGTON MANAGEMENT TO SHUT DOWN THE PLANT IN THE FACE OF CONSTANT DEMAND FOR THE KNITTING MACHINE NEEDLES WHICH THE PLANT PRODUCED. THE PLANT SHUTDOWN, SAID MAYOR, DEPRIVED WORKERS OF ONLY MEANS OF SUPPORT. THIS HAS CAUSED SOCIAL TENSIONS WHICH POSE PROBLEMS OF PUBLIC ORDER. TORRINGTON S CONDUCT VIOLATES ART. 41 ITALIAN CONSTITUTION, WHICH SAYS THAT PRIVATE ECONOMIC INITIATIVE QUOTE MAY NOT DEVELOP IN CONFLICT WITH SOCIAL UNITY OR IN A WAY WHICH CAUSES DAMAGE TO SECURITY, LIBERTY OR HUMAN DIGNITY UNQUOTE. FURTHER, THE MAYOR SAID, THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSTITUTION CALLS UPON PUBLIC AUTHORITIES TO REMOVE

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC OBSTACLES WHICH LIMIT DE FACTO THE LIBERTY AND EQUALITY OF ALL PERSONS OR WHICH IMPEDE FULL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ALL IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTRY.

2. THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE RENEWAL OF PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY IN A FACTORY WHERE HALF-FINISHED GOODS AND STANDING ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE, THE MAYOR PLACED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CUSTODY AND OPERATION OF THE PLANT IN TWO MEMBERS OF THE FACTORY WORKERS COUNCIL. THE WORKER REPRESENTATIVES WERE ENJOINED TO MANAGE THE PLANT IN CONFORMITY WITH INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL NORMS. THE ORDER RECOGNIZES THAT GOODS PRODUCED IN THE PLANT MAY BE SOLD.BRUNO

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